

## Early Detection Works Program Expands Services to Women Under Age 40

Younger women are now eligible for the [Early Detection Works \(EDW\) Program](#), Kansas' Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening and Early Detection Program. Previously, this CDC-funded program was unable to serve women under the age of 40, and could provide only limited mammography (close family relative with breast cancer, history of cancer or symptomatic) to women age 40-49.



Funding was made available during the 2005 Kansas Legislative session to expand the program to serve younger, income eligible women when needed. Women age 35-39 who are uninsured and meet income guidelines are now eligible for the program.

Women in need of services who are under age 35 may be enrolled with approval from either the EDW Regional Nurse or by calling 1-877-277-1368 (KDHE Nurse Consultant).

The EDW program will continue to partner closely with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, which reimburses breast-screening services for women under age 50 to maximize state and federal funds. If Susan G. Komen funds are available locally, please continue to utilize these funds as in the past. If a facility does not have access to Susan G. Komen funding, please enroll women directly into the EDW program so that they may receive the services they need (with approval for women under 35.)

The EDW program continues to partner with the Kansas Family Planning Program to provide colposcopy services to women enrolled in Family Planning. This partnership continues as in the past. However, if a woman who is NOT enrolled in the Kansas Family Planning Program is in need of services, please call for a prior approval from the Regional Nurse or by calling 1-877-277-1368 (KDHE Nurse Consultant).

The Early Detection Works Program goal is to ensure that income eligible women receive screening and diagnostic services for breast and cervical cancer. Uninsured women diagnosed with cancer through EDW are eligible for the state's Medicaid program through the federal "Treatment Act" of 2000.

EDW service providers will be receiving a fact sheet in the near future with specific information regarding services to younger women.